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THERE are eighty nine pauper counties in Kentucky. There are sixty six counties without a mile of improved road. For the fiscal year 1912-1913 there was raised by local taxation the sum of \$2,000,000 for road purposes. Eighty per cent of this sum was spent for maintenance. But 20 per cent was expended in the construction of new roads. That is, Kentucky last year spent four-fifths of \$2,000,000 for a mud tax.

These are facts to be considered in estimating the practical value to Kentucky of the State Aid Bill, passed by the Senate Friday, is passed by the House and approved by the Governor.

The State, under this law, will raise for road purposes the sum of \$600,000 a year. This sum will be supplemented by a like sum from the Federal Government—the exact figures are \$583,000. If the amount raised by local taxation is decreased from \$2,000,000, say to \$1,200,000 a year, there will be available a combined sum of \$2,400,000 a year for the building of roads. With this sum Kentucky can in eleven years build a State-wide, county seat system stretching from State line to State line and making every county seat the center of not less than three, 90 per cent. of the county seats the centers of from four to six roads built by local taxation, with Federal and State aid, forming connecting links in the State wide system.

Local taxation would be reduced and yet the sixty-six counties with no mile of improved road and the eighty-nine pauper counties would fare as well as, or better, than their now more prosperous neighbors.

Why? Because the State and Federal aid plan means the substitution of system, supervision and standardization for the present happy-go-lucky, devil-may-care lack of system which makes mud holes of six sevenths of Kentucky's roads for the winter months of each year.

The General Assembly of 1912 created a State Bureau of Good Roads. Under the McDyer-Bosworth Bill no money will be paid out to any county until the roads built in that county conform to the standard of construction fixed by the Bureau of Roads nor until adequate provision has been made for their maintenance. The roads will then be part of a State system. They will not then be the plaything of the local politician and the occasion for unavailing protest from their local victims. If the Commissioner of Roads fails to do his duty by each and every county, the Governor, who is the head of the State and responsible for his appointment, can be made, through the pressure of public opinion, to remove him.

The State Aid Bill, if it becomes law, means a State wide system of good roads, it means a uniform system of good roads; it means an equitable distribution of the money raised for good roads purposes; it means the substitution of organized effort for lack in many instances both of organization and effort; it means a definite and fixed responsibility for the expenditure of the public money for public needs. It could be no possibility be a worse system than the present. It may well be believed that few better systems can be devised.—Louisville Times

SENATOR Joe F. Bosworth was home over Sunday and was looking after the interest of his candidacy for Congress. While there has been a half dozen other parties in the district spoken of as possible candidates, so far no other has ever announced himself and there is an undercurrent that there will be no other candidate out and that Senator Bosworth will have

a clear track for the non-franchise Three States. That undercurrent has affected wires. Rockcastle will have a candidate who will announce in due time and his opponents will certainly discover, he is in the race and in it to win. Judge L. W. Bethurum is the man.

"BLOOD runs thicker than water" and so Senator Joe F. Bosworth, when told by his brother Henry, the present Auditor, who wants to use the powers which the new insurance law gives him as a means of building up a political machine for his coming fight for gubernatorial honors, told Joe to vote and work for the enactment of the Green-Glenn insurance bill. Joe did so notwithstanding the fact that requests from the business men and Commercial organizations from nearly every town composing the 17th senatorial district had asked Senator Bosworth to vote against the measure. The Senator wants to go to Congress this time from the Eleventh, but unless the voters undergo a wonderful change of mind, the Pinnacle Senator will find that the people of this district stand for a man who will heed their wishes, no matter if he does have a brother who wants to build up a nice little political machine.

AFTER a man has been eloquent for a few years he usually goes in to politics and runs for office. Dense throngs turn out to hear him speak, and as he describes nobility of character which leads his party to ignore its own interests and produce bumper crops when it is out of power the welkin rings like a fire bell and his friends beg him to get off the legislative ticket and run for President.

After the same man has served the people for a few years he comes back.

ELOQUENCE is the art of arranging words to look like pictures. When a man is eloquent he is as dangerous as if he were armed with a large club. He captures States and cities by firing large reverberating words instead of cannon balls, at them and turns murderers and chicken thieves loose upon an unfortunate world by making strong men weep until the jorybox has to be bailed out as he tells how badly the prisoner's family will feel if he isn't given another crack at society.

The Wilson Waiting Policy and The Mexican Situation

There is in every community an element in society that is sensitive. Who are easily offended; who resent the slightest hint that seems to be insulting and at once seek revenge.

The bully, usually seeks to provoke insult in order to get a pretext for being abusive, even overbearing and cowering his victim into terror.

This class is made up chiefly of braggarts, who for the most part are lacking in true courage. If they have any courage at all it is of a brutal kind, that seeks to inflict punishment or crush its antagonist into object submission.

Our national "Jingoism" arises from passion nurtured by this type.

We have instances on record in American history, where this spirit has led to war and bloodshed.

We believe the Spanish-American war might have been averted, life preserved, and the same or better results attained by diplomacy, by arbitration if you please. The destruction of the Spanish Navy, does not add much luster to our national prowess, or military renown.

Once upon a time, not so long ago, some drunken marines in a South American seaport, while ashore, undertook to paint the town red and were rough handled by police. Uncle Sam steamed into port with an iron-clad and bullied the natives into an apologetic frame of mind.

The "Wilson Administration" its diplomatic corps with the president at its head seeks to avert war.

The conservative element of Americans, and European countries does not want war.

The masses in our own and foreign countries do not take cognizance, of the tremendous responsibility assumed by our country among the family of nations. Little is known in general of the

origin, and the bearing it has on diplomacy in the Western Hemisphere of "The Monroe Doctrine." Nor does the word at large, consider the attitude of our nation toward "The World's Peace."

We have assumed and put into practice the principles of arbitration, to avert war and bloodshed. It is to be admitted that provoking circumstances exist in Mexico. Necessarily so in a country over ridden and down trodden by men, who could not prevent, if they would the casualties that have thus far occurred.

Some Americans have been mistreated, yet but there.

Under the circumstances it is perhaps unavoidable, unpreventable.

Foreign nations are represented at the Capital City. They have

war vessels, and marine stations in the important seaports, ready and able to protect citizens of their own government when the crisis arrives.

The death of Benton a British subject is being investigated, and if either factional leader is responsible, he will be called to account.

The Wilson administration in common with the world, does not recognize Huertoe or Villa's supposed head as the legal head of the so-called Mexican republic hence the lack of any direct diplomacy leading to the correction of the abuses named.

To summarize. The president and his advisers and the diplomatic corps who discuss international questions are agreed practically so far as the pub-

lic has been informed, that "The waiting policy" is a conservative Statesman ship approved by the world.

Our government is by no means in the hands of "Jingoes" nor controlled by the Spirit, that would plunge a nation into war for the slight provocations that have so far been perpetrated.

We haven't in this hasty view, taken notice of the attitude and patience, of Great Britain toward the policy, or the spirit rather, of our Congress manifested in the Panama Tolls question.

The United States, the Inventor and Sole proprietor of "The Monroe Doctrine, and the leading promoter of arbitration and a World-peace compact, cannot afford at this stage of the war in Mexico, to flare up in the spirit of a Big Bully to reduce Mexico to a sense of her inferiority humble and tractable among the sister republics of the world. This virtue of forbearance in a desire for peace is highly commendable.—Yea more! It is in exact harmony with the divine law. Whatsoever ye would that men shall do to you, do ye even so to them.

Again, Thou shalt love thy neighbors as thyself and the anthem of the heavenly host "Peace on earth. Good will to men!"

Then let us be patient and prayerful that wholesome indiscriminate slaughter may be prevented, such as might arise if forcible "intervention," shall be resorted to by any nation.

J. W. V.
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 3 11-14

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The Barboursville Advocate has stirred up a hornets' nest among the Catholic papers by the publication of a poem copied from the Menace, an Anti-Catholic publication of Aurora, Mo. The Menace is fighting Pope and his church claiming that they are the foes of all other churches and organizations and are a standing danger to any country in which they gain control and adds: "the history of countries and people ruined by them are religion. This church, is down on all secret organizations, especially the Masonic which organization gave that church a heavy jolt some hundreds of years back by exposing and halting its operations; yet this church has the most far reaching and most tireless secret society in the world in the Knights of Columbus, working in and out of season for the dominance of church over state, and destruction of our common schools. America has been asleep too long and today the Pope with his church has almost a strangle hold on our country's throat and the days of the Inquisition would no doubt be repeated should they gain the power they are fighting for every day by all the dark means possible."

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PROGRAM

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The following program will be rendered:

1. The meeting will be called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the chairman, Pastor W. H. Bryan.
2. Devotional Exercises
3. Why Are Baptists So Narrow? Rev. A. J. Pike, C. K. Carmical, and L. D. Gooch.
4. How and To What Extent Should We Discipline Unlawful Members and Why? D. Edgar Allen, J. H. Barnes, Thos. Clift, and J. G. Fortney.
5. 7:15 p.m. Sermon by Rev. L. D. Gooch.
6. 9 a.m. Sunday, Song Service and Devotion.
7. 9:15 a.m. Relation of the Sunday School to the Church and the World, W. W. Brock, Ed. Albright, J. M. Cummins, A. J. Pike, and J. W. Clontz.
8. 11:00 a.m. Sermon, "The Joy of Salvation," D. Edgar Allen
9. 12:00 M. Dinner.
10. 1:15 sharp. Stewardship, G. W. Martin, J. F. Phelps, W. F. Jones, A. J. Pike, and C. K. Carmical.
11. 2:30 p.m. Why Is Modern Holiness Unscriptural? E. Edgar Allen, L. D. Gooch, J. H. Barnes, J. M. Cummins, and J. C. Clouse.
12. 3:45 Singing and Dismission.

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"JOHN SMITH."

N. B. — I wish to state that John Smith's estate was a \$2,000 policy in the Kentucky bred Insurance Company, the Great Commonwealth, represented by our local druggist, Chas. C. Davis, who will be glad to show you their policies of protection.

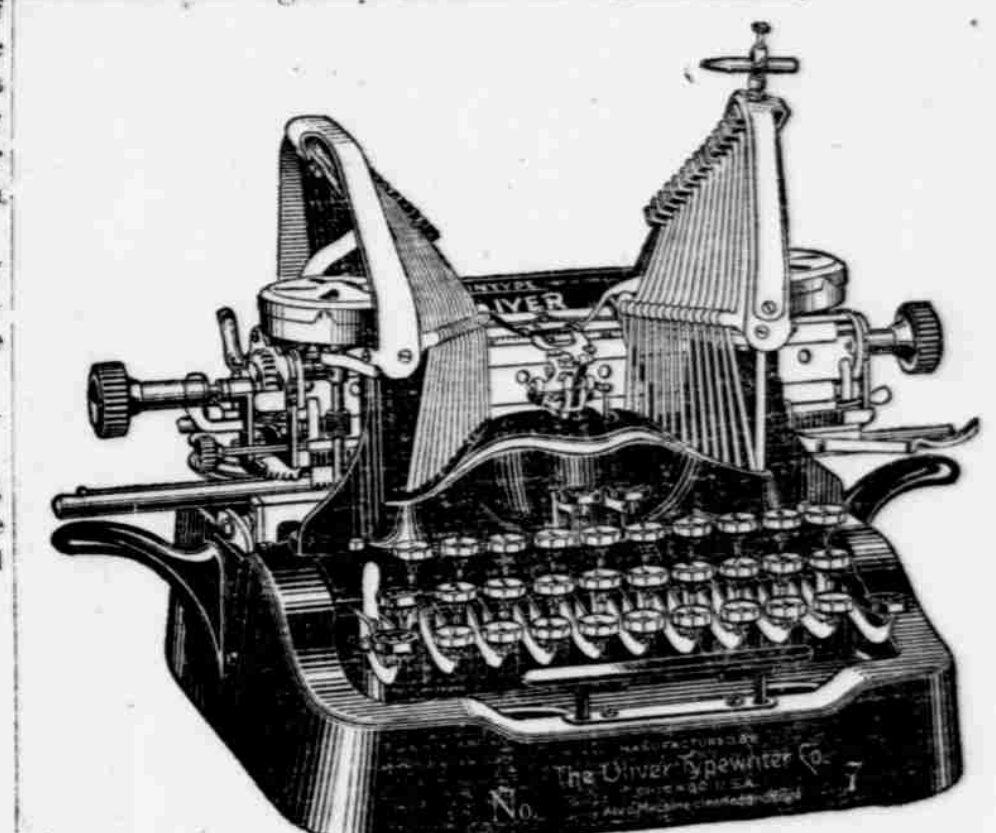
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